THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

OF

CHERIE L. HOLSTEN



Docket No. 2007-228-G

Office of Regulatory Staff, Complainant/Petitioner vs.

Quail Pointe Apartments, Defendant/Respondent

1		DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
2		CHERIE L. HOLSTEN
3		ON BEHALF OF
4		THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF
5		DOCKET NO. 2007-228-G
6 7	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS.
8	A.	My name is Cherie L. Holsten. My home address is 460 East Blackstock Road,
9		Apartment A-8, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 29301. I am a resident of the Quail Pointe
10		Apartment complex at located at 460 East Blackstock Road in Spartanburg.
11	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?
12	A.	The purpose of my testimony is to state my concerns as a resident of the Quail Pointe
13		Apartments regarding the billing practices, metering, and provision of natural gas service
14		to myself and the other residents of this apartment complex. As I will discuss in more
15		detail later in my testimony, I do not believe that the natural gas being sold to myself and
16		the other residents of the complex by Quail Pointe Apartments is being accurately
17		metered or billed. My concern over improperly recorded and billed usage of natural gas
18		by the Apartment Complex is what led to my initial contact with the Office of Regulatory
19		Staff.
20	Q.	PLEASE PROVIDE SOME DETAILS REGARDING YOUR RESIDENCE AT
21		QUAIL POINTE AND THE HISTORY OF NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO
22		YOURSELF WHILE A RESIDENT OF THIS COMPLEX.
23	A.	I have lived at Quail Pointe Apartments for approximately 19 years. There are
24		approximately 100 apartments in the complex, all of which, to the best of my knowledge,
25		use natural gas for heating, cooking, and hot water. When I first moved into the complex

both water and natural gas were included in the monthly rent. Then, as is still the case
now, electricity was individually metered and billed to each apartment by Duke Power.
In late 2001 the complex changed its policy regarding the use of natural gas. Myself and
the other residents of Quail Pointe were informed by the apartment complex's
management that natural gas would no longer be included in our monthly rent. (See
Exhibit A, "Quail Pointe Apartment Homes Addendum to Lease Sub-Metered Natural
Gas.") A residents' meeting was called by the management at which time we were told
that individual meters to measure natural gas usage would be installed in each apartment.
Along with the other residents, I was also told that these individual meters would be
connected via some type of wireless connection to the complex's management office and
that the meters would signal the amount of gas used in each apartment to the office once
a month. This gas usage information was then to be provided to a third party billing
company which would issue actual monthly bills to the residents. Exhibit B attached to
my pre-filed testimony shows copies of bills from Argen Billing Systems to me for
natural gas during the period March through October 2002. As shown in this exhibit, my
bill would list the dates of usage, the amount of gas used, and the payment owed for this
period. The bill also shows a \$5.00 "service charge" which was added to my bill each
month and a \$15.00 late fee which would be added to my account each month if the bill
was not paid in full by the due date. As shown by my notes on several of the bills,
sometimes the bills were not even received until after the date which they were supposed
to be due. Frequently the bills were received only a few days prior to or on the due date
stated on the bill.

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1		I quickly learned through discussions with my neighbors that the amounts being billed for			
2		natural gas were inconsistent. During winter months some bills were for over \$150 while			
3		others for apartments of the same size were for well under \$100 for the same month. The			
4		dollar amounts billed to each apartment also varied widely from one month to the next.			
5		The inconsistency and erratic billing dates and dollar amounts billed made it very			
6		difficult for the residents, in particular those living on fixed incomes, to budget payments			
7		for their gas.			
8	Q.	AT SOME POINT DID THE APARTMENT COMPLEX CHANGE THE			
9		BILLING COMPANY OR THE BILLING PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE			
10		NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO YOUR APARTMENT?			
11	A.	Yes. In December 2002 Quail Pointe changed the billing company. We then began			
12		receiving bills from "American Water."			
13	Q.	DID THE SERVICE AND BILLING IMPROVE WITH THIS CHANGE IN			
14		COMPANIES?			
15	A.	No. Although the five dollar per month "service charge" was stopped, the billing			
16		continued to be erratic and the amounts varied widely. Exhibit C to my testimony shows			
17		several of the bills which I received in 2003 from American Water. Despite lowering my			
18		thermostat and using an electric heater, the bill for my apartment (with only one			

occupant) was consistently much higher than those of my neighbors with the same square

footage and two occupants. In response to my questions and complaints to the complex

management no one could tell me why my bill was higher than my neighbors or exactly

how the usage was calculated or measured by the billing company. Several of my

neighbors also were making complaints to the complex management regarding the gas

1		bills, and this apparently led to the complex making yet another change in their gas
2		billing procedures.
3	Q.	WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHEN AND HOW THIS SECOND CHANGE
4		IN THE GAS BILLING PROCEDURES AT QUAIL POINTE OCCURRED?
5	A.	In March of 2003 the residents received a letter from the manager of the apartment
6		complex (See Exhibit D), who at the time was Carolyn Rogers, informing us that
7		effective March 13, 2003, billing for natural gas in the apartments would be conducted by
8		National Exemption Service and that payments should be thereafter made to the
9		apartment rental office. Residents were further told that payments for the gas bills would
10		be due on the same day of the month (the 5 th) as rent payments. We were also told that if
11		we paid our rent but not our gas bill that the amount owed on our monthly gas bill would
12		be "deducted" from our rent payment and a "late charge" of \$65 would be charged for
13		our past due rent if it was not paid in full by the 5 th . In other words, any amounts which I
14		paid to the complex were first credited against my gas bill.
15		I continued to have problems with, and to complain to the management about, gas usage
16		notices being received just days prior to payment being owed and inconsistencies in my
17		bill.
18	Q.	AT SOME POINT DID YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING YOUR GAS BILLS
19		LEAD YOU TO CONTACT THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF?
20	A.	Yes.
21	Q.	WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCE THAT LED YOU TO
22		CONTACT ORS.

1	A.	It began in the Spring of 2006. I had already turned off the heat in my apartment when I
2		received a \$125.00 bill in the month of April. Having not run my gas heat, based on the
3		recent weather, I felt that this bill was outrageously high (See, Bill with Due Date of
4		04/05/06 in Exhibit E). I spoke with the Apartment Manager, Ms. Angie Feregrino,
5		regarding this bill and a few days later she told me that she had learned that the usage
6		listed on that bill was for gas used during the cold period two months previously rather
7		than for the prior month as stated on the bill. This caused me some concern both because
8		the period stated on the bills was incorrect and also because I still cannot understand who
9		paid for the gas used by tenants who had moved out of their apartments in the intervening
10		two months.
11		I also began to have health and safety concerns regarding our gas service at this time.
12		Both myself and my neighbors became aware of a gas leak in a neighboring apartment
13		which had apparently been caused when the tenant had moved out and the complex had
14		removed the gas stove to another apartment. The complex employees that moved the
15		stove apparently had failed to properly cap the gas line when the stove was removed. I
16		detected a strong odor of gas but could not take any action to get the leak stopped. I
17		could not call Piedmont Natural Gas because while they provide service to the buildings
18		in the complex they are not our service provider and according to my understanding have
19		no responsibility beyond their meter at the outside of the buildings. When I attempted to
20		call the emergency maintenance number for the apartment complex I received a message
21		that the line was out of service. Eventually my neighbors and I called the fire
22		department. The fire department somehow reached the complex maintenance man and he
23		arrived at about the same time as a fire truck.

1	A second leak occurred in my own apartment a short time later. My stove developed a
2	leak which led to the underside of my stovetop catching on fire. As this occurred "after
3	hours" I tried to call the emergency maintenance number, and it was again out of order. I
4	fortunately happened by accident to run into the maintenance man on the grounds while
5	walking to the complex manager's apartment.
6	Also, sometime in 2006 the gas meter in my house was allegedly calibrated by a meter
7	company employee and a complex maintenance worker. They supposedly calibrated my
8	gas meter but never checked the usage or serviceability of any of the gas appliances in
9	my apartment. The "calibration" was allegedly accomplished by the workers asking me
10	to turn on and off certain cold water taps in my apartment. Shortly after this calibration
11	my gas bills began to list dates, usage, and the description "Water Chg." next to the total
12	amount which I was told I owed each month for natural gas.
13	Both myself and my neighbors continued to have problems with gas service and bills in
14	the complex which led me to eventually contact Piedmont Natural Gas. I knew Piedmont
15	was the natural gas service provider to the complex and wanted to see if they could
16	provide me with any information concerning their natural gas rates. They eventually
17	gave me information on two different rates (residential and commercial), stating that they
18	were not sure what rate I would be charged if I was a customer. I then attempted to
19	calculate a bill using the usage reported on my gas bill with both rates that Piedmont had
20	provided me but I could not match the usage and the rates with what I was charged on my
21	monthly bill. As I was now very interested in how my monthly gas bill was being
22	calculated, I called the billing company, NES, to ask them if they could tell me how the
23	bills were calculated. I was told that they were using a RUB (ratio utilities billing) to

1		calculate our bills and that actual natural gas usage did not matter. I learned that the RUB
2		formula was calculated based on things such as the size of the apartment and the number
3		of people residing in each apartment. As I asked more specific questions I was told that
4		the person who knew this information was not in the office. I left my name and number
5		and was told that I would get a call back - which I never did. I called NES back the next
6		day, received the same answer, left my number again and was again not called back.
7		My inability to get any information eventually led me to call my State Senator, Senator
8		Hawkins, whose office referred me to the Office of Regulatory Staff.
9		Two employees of the ORS, Brent Sires and Chad Campbell, subsequently came to my
10		apartment to investigate and examine the meters at the complex.
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Q. WHAT ACTION WOULD YOU LIKE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO TAKE REGARDING YOUR NATURAL GAS SERVICE?

A. First and foremost I only want to pay for the utilities that I use. I would like to see a fair and understandable billing system put into place so that the other residents of the complex and myself only pay for the gas which we actually use in our apartments. The current RUB billing used by Quail Pointe, if this is indeed the method that they are using to calculate our bills, is inherently unfair and does not promote or support conservation. As a consumer I do not know if I am only paying for my utility usage or also for a portion of my neighbor's utilities. I also believe that the distribution system in the apartment complex is dangerous as I have found that it is often impossible to find anyone to respond to a gas leak or similar emergency concerning our gas service in the complex.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

13 A. Yes, it does.

company designated

QUAIL POINTE APARTMENT HOMES ADDENDUM TO LEASE **SUB-METERED NATURAL GAS**

You shall be responsible for paying the gas utility service provided by Quail Points Apartment Homes during the term of your lease. The resident agrees that we have and will continue to have under the terms of the agreement the right to designate the residents natural gas provider. You agree to individual utility billing in your name immediately upon signing this agreement and promptly pay same when due. You acknowledge that continued occupancy of the apartment when any utility have been cut off is hazardous. You agree not to terminate, cut off, interrupt, or discontinue any utility service to the apartment building.

If the utility equipment is tampered with an alarm will alert the office and the third party utility company. Tampering with the equipment will result in a charge of \$200.00 and you will receive a lease violation. The lease violation will be grounds for termination of your icase.

Breach of this provision shall constitute default, giving us the right to terminate the Lease Agreement immediately and to obtain possession of the apartment. Any charges billed to us for utilities due to your breach of this provision shall be due as additional rent. We are not liable for interruption or malfunction in service of any utility due to any cause.

Natural Gas Usage is provided through the following system as indicated.

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EXHIBIT B

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Date March 3, 2003

Re: Gas Bill

Dear Residents of: Quail Pointe Apartment Community

The company we are using for our gas billing will change next month to National Exemption Service.

Effective March 13, 2003 all payments for your gas bills should be made to the apartment rental office.

In the future, your gas bill may be paid along with your rental payments. We are hoping this will make the payment of your gas bill easier for you.

Should you have any questions about this change, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Garelyn Rogers
Manager



Quail Pointe Apartment Homes 460 E. Blackstock Road Spartanburg, SC 29301 (864)587-1939

ATTENTION: ALL RESIDENTS

March 3, 2003

Please stop by the Leasing Office IMMEDIATELY, to come in and sign Our new package release forms. This form is to be signed so that we will have your permission or not, for the Postal Service, Fed-Ex, UPS, or any other delivery service to leave packages for you. If you choose not to sign this release form, packages will not be allowed to be left in the Leasing Office for you in your absence if you are not home to sign for your packages. It is our new COMPANY POLICY, not to accept any Packages on your behalf without your permission and signature on this release form. All current and new residents must sign whether you are giving us your permission to accept packages on your behalf or your are declining for us to be able to accept packages. Please stop by the office as soon as possible.

Also, for ALL RESIDENTS who have not signed the LEAD BASED PAINT DISCLOSURE, please do so when you are in the Leasing Office. If you are not sure, please ask and we can look it up for you.

Regarding the new gas billing company, if you have already paid your Gas bill and sent it in to American Water, that is fine. If you have not, Please do so IMMEDIATELY. As the letter stated, the new company will be taking over our Property Gas Billing System effective 3/15/03. From that date on, ALL GAS BILLS NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE LEASING OFFICE ALONG W/RENTAL PAYMENTS IN SEPARATE MONEY ORDERS. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Leasing Office Staff.

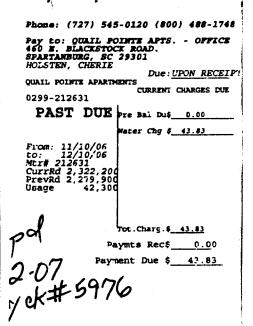
Thank You,

Management Staff

Quail Pointe Apartments 460 E. Blackstock Rd. Spartanburg SC 29301 (864) 587-1939

Date: 6/9/06
To: Chanethiston Apt: 2594 8
Dear Chune,
You have an unpaid balance due of \$ 35 99 for for please come by the office as soon as possible to get this taken care of.
If you have any questions please call me at (864) 587-1939.
Thank you, Angie Feregrino Site Administrator

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